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REMARKS

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1.

a troop train of 15 boxcars and 31 flatcars, [redacted] went from Jueterbog to Wittenberg on 25 April 1952. (1) 50X1-HUM

2. Military shipments from Brest Litovsk [redacted]

included: 25 crates with aircraft parts to Zerbst [redacted] on 22 April; 205 x 76.2-mm AT guns to Fuerstenwalde [redacted] on 23 April; and 110 x 76.2-mm AT guns to Fuerstenwalde [redacted] on 24 April. (2)

3.

On 7 April, the availability of locomotives was temporarily difficult due to numerous special missions. On 10 April, there were some difficulties in the availability of locomotives because of heavy special traffic in the direction of Dresden. On 14 April, various railroad stations were jammed by empty freight cars assigned to the Soviets. (3)

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the following Soviet troop trains were handled within the Erfurt railroad district:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6 April	23 cars with tanks	undetermined	Ohrdruf
9 April	59 cars with troops	Eisenach	Naumburg
11 April	12 cars	Jena	undetermined
	23 cars	Naumburg	Gotha
	56 cars with troops	Weimar	Crawinkel

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11 April	37 cars with troops	Weimar	Crawinkel
	32 cars with troops	Weimar	Crawinkel
14 April	15 cars with troops	Weimar	
	59 cars with troops	Weimar	Crawinkel
15 April	57 cars with troops	Cera	Eisenach
	18 cars with troops	Cera	Cotha
16 April	47 cars with troops	Teuchern	Eisenach
	56 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Neudietendorf
	60 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Erfurt
	60 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Erfurt
	58 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Nechterstedt
	33 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	45 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	50 cars with troops	Cera	Georgenthal
	35 cars with troops	Cera	Georgenthal
	49 cars with troops	Teuchern	Eisenach
17 April	49 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	51 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	51 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	60 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach

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17 April	48 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	56 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	50 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	50 cars with troops	Saalfeld	Georgenthal
	58 cars with troops	Saalfeld	Emleben
	50 cars with troops	Saalfeld	Georgenthal
	54 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
18 April	28 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	34 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	54 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	41 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	59 cars with troops	Rudolstadt	Ohdruf
	37 cars with troops	Jena	Ohdruf
	55 cars with troops	Rudolstadt	Ohdruf
	58 cars with troops	Gera	Georgenthal
	54 cars with troops	Zeitz	Georgenthal
	46 cars with troops	Gera	Emleben
	43 cars with troops	Gera	Georgenthal
19 April	42 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	59 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	53 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach

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19 April	52 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach
	57 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	51 cars with troops	Jena	Ohdruf
	52 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	59 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	52 cars with troops	Zeitz	Ohdruf
	56 cars with troops	Zeitz	Ohdruf
	54 cars with troops	Weissenfels	Eisenach
48 cars with troops	Naumburg	Eisenach	
57 cars with troops	Jena	Ohdruf	
48 cars with troops	Teuchern	Eisenach	
60 cars with troops	Naumburg	Nechterstaedt	
60 cars with troops	Merseburg	Nechterstaedt	
64 cars with troops	Merseburg	Nechterstaedt	
20 April	59 cars with troops	Jena	Ohdruf
	52 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	42 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	55 cars with troops	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	54 cars with troops	Markranstaedt	Nechterstaedt
	54 cars with troops	Markranstaedt	Nechterstaedt
68 cars with troops	Merseburg	Nechterstaedt	
44 cars with troops	Merseburg	Nechterstaedt	

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20 April	57 cars with troops	Merseburg	Neuchterstaedt
	60 cars with troops	Merseburg	Neuchterstaedt
	45 cars with troops	Merseburg	Neuchterstaedt
21 April	44 cars with troops	Merseburg	Bisenach
	52 cars with troops	Cera	Ohrdruf
	50 cars with troops	Cera	Ohrdruf
	48 cars with troops	Cera	Ohrdruf
	59 cars with troops	Saalfeld	Ohrdruf
	46 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel
	56 cars with troops	Jena	Crawinkel

The shipments listed above were loaded within the Erfurt railroad district. Troop trains which were loaded in other railroad districts and entered the Erfurt railroad district were not covered. (4)

- (1) Comments. 50X1-HUM
It is believed that the troop train observed carried elements of the 107th Engr Bn of the 14th Gds Mecz Div which moved to the area east of Mittenberg for exercises.
- (2) The aircraft crates were certainly consigned to the fighter division whose headquarters is in Zorbst. Two of the regiments of the division are located in Zorbst, one regiment in Brandenburg.
- (3) The difficulties mentioned were caused by troop movements to the training areas. 50X1-HUM
- (4) confirms and supplements the transfer of units stationed in Thuringia to their respective training areas. Troop movements to the Ohrdruf and Kindel training areas began on 11 April 1952. Prior to 21 April a total of 72 troop trains, 42 of which were dispatched to the Ohrdruf area and 30 to the Kindel area. 50X1-HUM

the following troop movements were carried out:

Shipments to Ohrdruf:

20th Gds Mecz Div: A total of 28 troop trains were dispatched from Jena, Zeitz, and Weimar to Ohrdruf, Crawinkel, Georgenthal and Emleben during the period from 11 through 21 April. Units involved in these movements included:

65th Gds Mecz Regt from Weimar,	3 trains;
66th Gds Mecz Regt from Jena,	2 trains;
67th Gds Mecz Regt from Zeitz,	4 trains;
Medium Tank Regt from Zeitz,	4 trains;
Heavy Tank SP Regt from Jena,	1 train;
Mortar Regt from Weimar,	1 train;
172d Gds How Regt from Jena,	3 trains.

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Nine other unidentified troop trains were dispatched from Jena and one unidentified troop train from Zeitz.

RL Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: A total of 4 troop trains were dispatched from Saalfeld to Ohrdruf, Georgenthal and Emleben.

AT Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: Definitely 4, but probably even 8 trains were dispatched from Gera to Ohrdruf, Georgenthal and Emleben during the period from 16 through 21 April.

830th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: Two troop trains from Rudolstadt to Ohrdruf on 18 April.

Shipments to Kindel.

57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div: A total of 16 troop trains were dispatched from Naumburg, Weissenfels, Teuchern and Gera to Eisenach, Wechterstaedt, Neudietendorf and Erfurt during the period from 15 to 19 April. Units involved in these movements included:

The division headquarters from Naumburg, 1 train;
170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from Naumburg, 5 trains;
174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from Weissenfels, 4 trains;
17th Tank SP Regt from Weissenfels, 5 trains;
655th How Arty Regt from Naumburg, 1 train.

AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: A total of 8 trains were dispatched from Merseburg to Eisenach and Wechterstaedt on 19 and 20 April.

AAA Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: A total of 4 trains were observed on route from Naumburg to Eisenach and Wechterstaedt on 19 April.

Elements of the RL Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps: A total of 2 trains proceeded from Markranstaedt to Wechterstaedt on 20 April.

The following conclusions may be drawn from these data and the following confirmatory information is obtained:

- a. Prior to 21 April 1952, the 21st Gds Mecz Div had not moved from its military post in Halle. It is undetermined whether the division will move to Kindel or whether it will hold a special exercise before leaving for a troop training grounds. Last year, the division held a special exercise in the Aken-Dessau area. There is a possibility that the division will not go to the Kindel training area, but to a new troop training grounds which is being established near Lessa. Vehicles the division were observed there in early April 1952.

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- b. Prior to 21 April, the component units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div permanently stationed in Plauen and Weiningen had not moved to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. This agrees with an observation made in Plauen on 20 April.

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- c. The component units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div station/in Gotha, except for those employed for border control missions, moved to the Kindel training area by road.

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- d. It is believed that the artillery units of the Eighth Gds Army, which were entrained in Altenburg on 20 and 21 April, did not move to Ohrdruf [redacted] but to Altengrabow. 50X1-HUM
- e. The AAA regiment of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Rudelstadt did not go to Ohrdruf, but moved to Wustrow on 16, 17 and 30 March 1952. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- f. If the engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Naumburg did not move to Kindel after 21 April, it possibly marched to the Bad Koesen engineer training site. 50X1-HUM

In conclusion, it may be stated that the troop movements in Thuringia were not completed by 21 April, as entraining of military personnel, including the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, was observed on 22 and 23 April. [redacted]

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